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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S OFFICE  
OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN RECOMMENDATION FOLLOW UP  
(BOARD AGENDA ITEM 19 and 20C, NOVEMBER 22, 2005)**

At the November 22, 2005 meeting, your Board directed the Department of Mental Health (DMH), in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller, to report on the implementation status and timeline for the recommendations from blueCONSULTING's April 22, 2005 report on DMH's Office of the Public Guardian.

In DMH's December 6, 2005 response to your Board, the Department indicated that they are targeting August 2006 to complete implementation of the recommendations. Based on DMH's implementation timeline, we will monitor the Department's progress on an ongoing basis. We will report back to your Board on the status of all the recommendations in September 2006.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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